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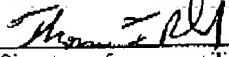
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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to FINAL REJECTION under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 24, 2004 setting a three-month period to respond. The present response is being made within two months from the mailing of said action. It is believed that the amendment and Response presents the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration and Allowance of the present claims is requested.